Bihar on 22nd June, 1991 have been massacred;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against the culprits; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to protect Harijans from such massacres in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Government of Bihar have informed that 14 persons (9 belonging to Scheduled Castes and 5 to backward castes) were killed in two villages, Sahiara and Deo in District Bhojpur on the night of 22|23 June, 1991.

(b) Criminal cases under Section 302|34 Indian Penal Code and Section 27 Arms Act have been registered. Eight persons have been arrested in these cases.

(c) The prevention of crime against all sections of society (including Scheduled Castes and backward castes) is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Home Ministry have requested the State Government to identify the sensitive areas of the State where some groups of people, based on caste or class are living under tension or apprehending danger from other groups and to draw up plans to maintain peace and harmonious relations among the people and take steps for the socio-economic development of the area.

Bomb Explosion at Khayala Bus Stop in West Delhi

575. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bomb exploded at Khayala village bus stop in West Delhi on March 23 1991 in which several persons were killed and injured;

(b) if so, the details of the culprits arrested so far; and

(c) what kind of bomb was used in the explosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. On 23.3.1991 a powerful bomb blast took place in "Shani Bazar near Khayala Bust Stop in which 15 persons were killed and 58 injured.

(b) The following three accused were arrested in this case:

i. Harvinder Singh @ Bitto
S/o Ranjeet Singh, r/o C-9/D Tilak Vihar, Delhi.

ii. Kartar Singh @ Kala
S/o Charan Singh,
r/o Gujranwala, PS Baba Bakala,
Distt. Amritsar (Punjab).

iii. Surjeet Singh @ Jeeta,
S/o Nichhater Singh,
r/o C-8/D Tilak Vihar, Delhi.

The fourth accused, Satpal Singh Man, was killed during the blast.

(c) An improvised explosive device with a time bomb used.

Statement of Maharashtra Chief Minister on Karnataka Maharashtra Border problems

576. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI A. K. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent Press Statement of the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra on Karnataka-Maharashtra border problems; and

(b) whether Government propose to initiate action to resolve the problems; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Government of Maharashtra have informed that in a Press Statement issued on 28.6.1991 the Chief Minister had stated that he proposed to arrange a meeting with the State Members of Parliament where the Maharashtra—Karnataka border problem would be considered.

(b) The Government of India is of the view that the problem could be resolved with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end, the Central Government will be glad to extend assistance to them.

Toll payment system for National Highways

577. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install toll payment system for some National Highways;

(b) whether there is any proposal to privatise the highway system or a part of it; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to improve highways all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to involve private sector in development of National Highways. However, the proposal is still in the initial stage of examination.

(c) National Highway in the country are generally in a traffic worthy condition and improvement works are undertaken keeping in view the existing condition, traffic intensity, *inter-se* priority on an All-India basis and availability of funds.

हाल ही में सम्पन्न हुए लोक सभा चुनावों में हिंसा की घटनायें

578. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में सम्पन्न हुए लोक सभा चुनावों में विभिन्न राज्यों में हिंसा की कितनी घटनायें हुईं तथा उनमें कितने लोगों की जानें गयीं ;

(ख) ऐसी घटनायें होने के क्या कारण थे तथा क्या सरकार यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिये कि भविष्य में चुनावों के दौरान ऐसी हिंसक वारदातें फिर न हों, कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों से सूचना प्राप्त की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

दिल्ली में जल और विद्युत की समस्या

579. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले कुछ सप्ताहों के दौरान दिल्ली में जल तथा विद्युत की आपूर्ति में व्यवधान होने के क्या कारण हैं ; और